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COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JUNE 1, 2006

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RATIFY APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE
LOS GATOS YOUTH COMMISSION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AD
HOC COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify appointments of members and alternates to the Youth Commission as recommended by the Ad Hoc Council Sub-Committee.

BACKGROUND:

On June 7, 2004, the Town Council adopted a resolution regarding the establishment of a Youth Commission and ratified the appointments of the first 15 members and 5 alternates of the Youth Commission as recommended by an Ad Hoc Council sub-committee. On June 6, 2005, the Council ratified the appointments of members and alternates to fill the seats available due to expiring terms. This year, the Council once again has the opportunity to ratify appointments to the Youth Commission. Recruitment efforts for applicants to fill the available seats included distribution of letters to local schools and non-local schools which Los Gatos youth attend, press releases to the local media, and posting of the opportunity on the Town's website. The Town received 30 applicants from eligible candidates for the seats on the Youth Commission.

DISCUSSION:

An Ad Hoc Council sub-committee comprised of Council Member Wasserman, Vice Mayor Pirzynski, Scott Seaman, Chief of Police, and Mike Loya, Youth Coordinator at Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation interviewed the applicants. Youth Commissioner Jacqui Kemp participated in the interviews, as well, to provide a youth perspective. The interviews included both individual and group interviews, with the recommendations for appointment based on composite assessments from

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these interviews. All of the applicants demonstrated initiative and community spirit in applying for a seat on the Youth Commission, and should be commended for their effort. In general, the recommended appointments are comprised of youth from the grade levels of the vacated seats to maintain a balance of youth representation on the Commission. The recommended member and alternate appointments are listed on Attachment I.

CONCLUSION:

The Council Ad Hoc sub-committee and staff recommend that Council ratify the appointments of members and alternates as reflected on Attachment I. The next official meeting of the Youth Commission will occur in September; however, the Commission and staff may plan an orientation session for the new members during the summer. Police Department staff will continue to provide support to the Youth Commission, and, along with the Manager's Office, will monitor its effectiveness and identify opportunities for Commission involvement in Town issues and projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for staff support to the Youth Commission are available within the Police Department operating budget and the Town-wide commission training budget.

Attachments:

- I. Recommended Member and Alternate Appointments to the Youth Commission

Attachment 1

Recommended Member and Alternate Appointments to the Youth Commission

Recommended Members:

Zach Hershberger - 8th
Nicky Robinson - 8th

Bronwyn Stone - 9th

Peter Hadar - 10th
Stanford Stickney - 10th

Olivia Colliver - 11th Incumbent (Alternate)
Jordan Kahler - 11th Incumbent
Liz Mellema - 11th Incumbent

Reeta Banerjee - 12th Incumbent
Ashley Yuki - 12th Incumbent (Alternate)

Recommended Alternates:

Kelsey Hall - 8th
Lindsay Trone - 9th
Susan Kahng - 11th
Jason Louie - 11th
Rachel Carson - 12th

